

## **Assembly Bill No. 787**

### **CHAPTER 457**

An act to amend Section 532b of the Penal Code, relating to crime.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 787, DeVore. Crime: impersonating a veteran.

Under existing law, any person who represents himself or herself as a veteran or ex-serviceman of any war in which the United States was engaged in connection with the soliciting of aid or the sale or attempted sale of any property, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

This bill would also make it a misdemeanor for a person to falsely claim to be, or present himself or herself to be a veteran member of the Armed Forces of the United States, with the intent to defraud. The bill would not apply to face-to-face solicitations involving less than \$10.

Because this bill would create a new crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 532b of the Penal Code is amended to read:

532b. (a) Any person who falsely represents himself or herself as a veteran or ex-serviceman of any war in which the United States was engaged, in connection with the soliciting of aid or the sale or attempted sale of any property, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) Any person who falsely claims, or presents himself or herself, to be a veteran or member of the Armed Forces of the United States, with the intent to defraud, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) This section does not apply to face-to-face solicitations involving less than ten dollars (\$10).

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the

definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

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